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- SESSION, (IDB-XII): AGENDA ITEMS 6(A) REGULAR
- PROGRAM OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR 1979; AND
- 6(B) UN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

1. AGENDA ITEM 6(A) - REGULAR PROGRAM OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR 1979. DOCUMENT ID/B/196, NOTE BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, STATES THAT IDB-XI "PROVISIONALLY APPROVED" THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROPOSALS FOR 1979 AS SUBMITTED IN ID/B/183 AND, SINCE THE EX-DIR HAS NO CHANGES TO MAKE, IT INVITES IDB-XII TO GIVE ITS FORMAL APPROVAL TO THESE PROPOSALS.

2. DETAILED REPORT OF ID/B/184 WAS GIVEN IN 77 VIENNA 3031. TOPIC IS RELATIVELY MINOR AND WAS TREATED AS NON-CONTROVERSIAL BOTH BY USG AND BY IDB-XI AS A WHOLE AND WAS ROUTINELY APPROVED. U.S. DEL AT IDB-XI SOLELY MADE
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NOTE OF THE FACT THAT NON-CONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES NOW ACCOUNT FOR NEARLY 15 OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT.

3. AGENDA ITEM 6(B) - UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND: PROGRAM FOR 1979 AND PLAN FOR 1979 AND 1980. DOCUMENT ID/B/205 CONTAINS TWO MAJOR SECTIONS CORRESPONDING, IN REVERSE ORDER, TO THE TWO SUB-TOPICS.

4. SECTION I. THE PLAN FOR 1979-1980. THE EX-DIR NOTES THAT THE PROBLEM OF ESTIMATING RESOURCES "CONTINUES TO DEFY PRECISE SOLUTION". AS AGAINST THE DESIRABLE FUNDING LEVEL OF \$50 MILLION ANNUALLY, ONLY \$8,420,092 HAD BEEN PLEDGED BY 22 MARCH 1978. NEVERTHELESS, THE SECRETARIAT HAS ESTIMATED TOTAL RESOURCES OF \$22 MILLION IN 1979 AND \$34 MILLION IN 1980. COMMENT: THIS SEEMS TO IGNORE PART IV, PARA 1 OF UNGA RES. 31/202 WHICH ESTABLISHED THE UNIDF AND WHICH PROVIDED THAT ALL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNIDO WERE TO BE INTEGRATED INTO THE FUND. THE EX-DIR REPORT FOR 1977 CONTINUES TO SHOW EXPENDITURES FROM SEVERAL TRUST FUNDS ESTIMATED THROUGH 1979. U.S. DEL MIGHT REQUEST CLARIFICATION FROM SECRETARIAT.

5. SECTION II. PROGRAM FOR 1979. THIS FOLLOWS THE METHOD UTILIZED IN ID/B/C.3/60, APPROVED BY PC-IX (77 VIENNA 9701); THAT IS, A LIST OF NINE GENERAL "PROGRAM COMPONENTS" ARE GIVEN (THE LAST BEING "OTHER ACTIVITIES"), TO WHICH UNIDF RESOURCES ARE PROPOSED TO BE APPLIED, WITHOUT INDICATING HOW RESOURCES WOULD BE ALLOCATED AMONG PROGRAMS (IN ID/B/C.3/60, PERCENTAGES WERE LISTED). PARA 7 QUOTES TWO PARAS FROM ID/B/C.3/60/ADD.1 CRITICIZING BOTH SPECIAL PURPOSE AND NON-CONVERTIBLE CURRENCY CONTRIBUTIONS AS LIMITING FREEDOM OF PROGRAM EXPENDITURES. PARA 2 CALLS ATTENTION TO FACT THAT THE "AUTHORITY TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPROVE SPECIFIC PROJECTS" HAS BEEN DELEGATED TO EX-DIR BY THE BOARD.

6. COMMENT: THIS MANNER OF TREATING EXPENDITURES OBVIOUSLY LEAVES USE OF GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS ALMOST ENTIRELY TO THE DISCRETION OF THE EX-DIR. AT PC-IX, U.S. DEL SUPPORTED THIS METHODOLOGY AS THE BEST THEN AVAILABLE. GIVEN THE UNCERTAIN STATE OF UNIDF PLEDGING, AND THE RELATIVELY SHORT TIME THAT HAS ELAPSED SINCE THE FIRST PLEDGING CONFERENCE, THIS MAY STILL BE THE CASE. MISSION NOTES THAT IDB-XI DELEGATED BOARD'S AUTHORITY TO APPROVE PROJECTS ONLY FOR 1978-1979. IT WOULD SEEM DESIRABLE THAT BOARD ATTEMPT TO EXERCISE MORE CONTROL IN FUTURE AND THAT, THEREFORE, IT SHOULD INFORM THE EX-DIR THAT IT WILL EXPECT HIM TO SUBMIT SPECIFIC PROJECT PROPOSALS FOR REVIEW IN 1980. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF USG'S STATUS AS NON-CONTRIBUTOR TO THE FUND, MISSION CONSIDERS IT PREFERABLE THAT ANOTHER DELEGATION TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN THE MATTER. LEARY

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